

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Assessment Grants

\$150,000 for hazardous substances

\$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Burke County for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct at least five Phase I and at least two Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct at least five Phase I and at least three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community involvement activities, including press releases and social media announcements. Assessment activities will focus on the Urban Corridor that is comprised of the communities of Morganton, Glen Alpine, Drexel, Valdese, Rutherford College, and Hildebran.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

EPA Region 4 Brownfields Team (215) 814-3173 EPA Region 4 Brownfields Web site (https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-alabama-flor ida-georgia-kentucky-mississippi-north-0)

Grant Recipient: Burke County, NC (828) 764-9373

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